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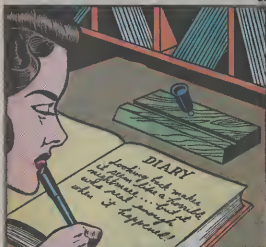
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I PLAYED *with* FIRE

THERE WAS DANGER IN MATT RANDALL'S KISSES... BUT I WANTED THEM, DESPERATELY, HUNGRILY... UNTIL SUDDENLY A YAWNING CHASM OF DESTRUCTION OPENED UP BEFORE ME AND THROUGH A HAZE OF TREACHERY AND DECEIT I COULD SEE MY WHOLE WORLD BEING DRAGGED DOWN TO SHAME AND RUIN!



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I began the night I was to give Jim Escott his answer! I was tormented by doubts!



JIM WILL MAKE YOU A GOOD HUSBAND, FAY!

PERHAPS! BUT I JUST CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND! THERE'S SOMETHING SO PROSAIC ABOUT HIM AND HIS JOB WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY!



IT WOULD PUT MY MIND AT EASE IF I KNEW YOU WERE SAFE WITH A PROSAIC MAN! THE DEVIL-MAY-CARE, ROMANTIC LIFE HAS ITS HAZARDS! JIM WILL BE HERE IN A FEW MINUTES! I DO HOPE YOU'LL SAY YES, FAY!

OH, I DON'T KNOW--- I JUST DON'T KNOW!



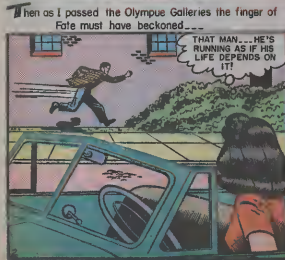
Suddenly, it was too much for me! Frantically, I ran out of the house---

FAY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I got into my car and drove aimlessly up and down the streets ---

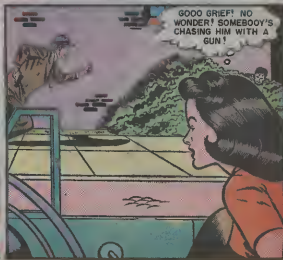


I'VE GOT TO THINK --- GOT TO DECIDE JUST WHAT I WANT!



Then as I passed the Olympie Galleries the finger of Fate must have beckoned---

THAT MAN--- HE'S RUNNING AS IF HIS LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

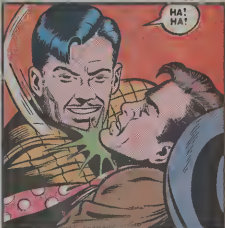


GOOD GRIEF! NO WONDER! SOMEBODY'S CHASING HIM WITH A GUN!

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Spellbound, I watched the brief struggle...



WOULD YOU GIVE ME A LIFT? I'VE BEEN HELD UP... THERE WERE OTHERS... THEY'LL BE AFTER ME!

BUT....!



YOU'RE AN ANGEL! YOU MAY BE SAVING MY LIFE!



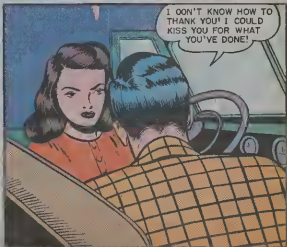
Something about the man's presence at my side stirred my blood! I talked to cover up the confusion mounting within me!

BUT HOW DID THEY GET YOU AROUND TO THE SIDE OF THE OLYMPUS GALLERIES?

AN OLD TRICK! SOMEBODY LET OUT A FAKE CRY FOR HELP! I WENT TO LOOK AND THEY HAD ME... OR THOUGHT THEY DID!



I wasn't even aware how far we had driven! Then...



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Was that just a catch phrase or did it go deeper than that? Wildly, unreasonably, I wanted to know...and the next moment his lips were telling me...



IN FACT, THAT'S JUST WHAT I WILL DO!

Was I being a fool? I had rescued a stranger in the night and here I was...afame under his kisses!



I...I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME!

MATT RANDALL! AND I'LL JUST CALL YOU "ANGEL!"

Despite vague inner warnings, I couldn't help smiling! There was something so gay, so carefree about this man... something that warmed my blood...



I'M FAY SANDERS!

SANDERS?



YOU SEEM STARTLED! IT'S QUITE AN ORDINARY NAME!

OF COURSE! ALL THAT MATTERS IS SEEING YOU AGAIN, FAY!



WHENEVER YOU SAY, MATT!

TOMORROW WON'T BE TOO SOON! AND NOW IF YOU'LL DROP ME OFF NEAR THE ALDEN HOTEL I'LL CONSIDER IT A PERFECT EVENING!

I left Matt and then with my head swimming, my heart singing, I turned homeward!



OH, I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY BEFORE! I DIDN'T KNOW ONE COULD BE SO DELIRIOUSLY HAPPY!

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But as I approached my house I was brought sharply back to reality....



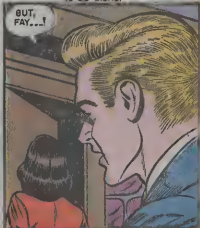
FAY, DARLING, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT YOU!



I CAN'T TELL YOU ABOUT IT NOW, JIM! I'M SORRY!



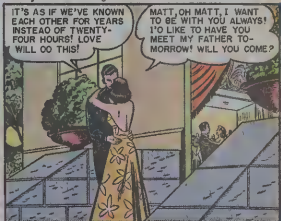
Rude and cruel though I knew it to be, I had to get away from Jim, had to be alone!



Alone in my room, I was like a pendulum swinging from one mood to another, from the warm glow brought on by the memory of Matt's kisses to an undefined foreboding of peril...



But the next day all that mattered was the imminence of my next meeting with Matt Randall...and later...

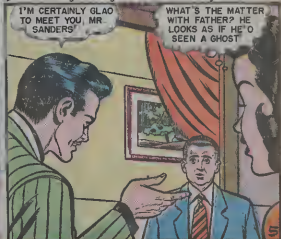


MATT, OH MATT, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS! I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU MEET MY FATHER TOMORROW! WILL YOU COME?

Was that some womanly instinct seeking the protection of a parent in a relationship born in mystery? But Matt made it easy for me! He seemed to welcome the idea!

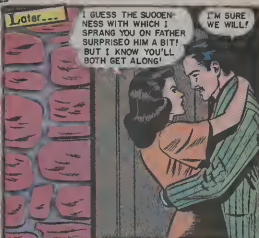


The following evening when Matt met my father...



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The next instant my father seemed to have recovered from whatever had upset him...and the incident was forgotten! Or was it?



For a moment I thought I detected something so smugly self assured in Mott's tone that it bordered on the sinister! But as always his kisses swept my foncies away!



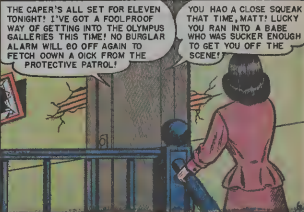
It was one afternoon about a week later that the big blow fell!

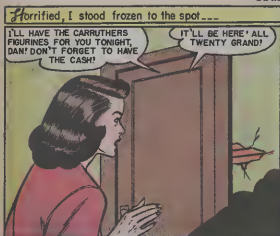


More strongly than ever before the vague doubts stirred within me...



I went up a rickety flight of stairs...and then through a door I could hear Matt's voice!

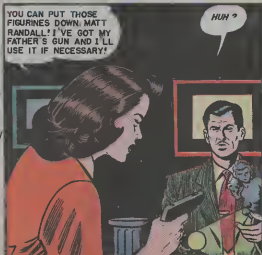




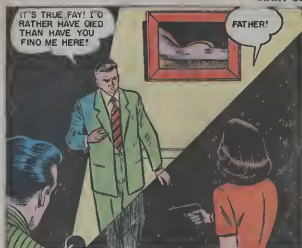
Somebody was getting up behind that door and I knew I had to get away! Like a mad thing I dashed out of the house, down the street...



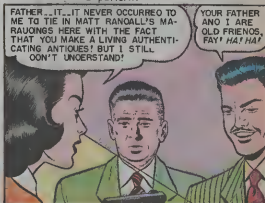
Father wasn't home and I did not answer the phone when it rang later! There was one thing I knew I had to do---



My heart beat like a triphammer but I moved unflinchingly toward the man whose dupe I had been---



A volcano had erupted and all was chaos... but now the pieces were coming down, settling into a pattern!



Old friends? This time there was no mistaking the sinister undercurrent in Matt's voice!

YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF HOLO ON FATHER! THAT'S WHY HE LOOKED SO SHOCKED WHEN I BROUGHT YOU TO THE HOUSE!

AND THAT'S WHY I WAS SO EAGER TO MEET HIM! THERE WAS JUST A CHANCE THAT THIS WAS THE SANDERS WHO COULD HELP ME!



THOSE TWO YEARS I WAS AWAY WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, FAY... I WASN'T ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION AS YOUR MOTHER TOLD YOU... I WAS IN PRISON IN ENGLAND!

OH... FATHER!



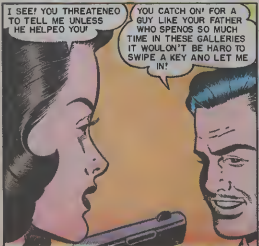
I WAS A FOOL! I WANTED A STATUE OF AN EGYPTIAN SACRED CAT SO BADLY THAT I DIDN'T TROUBLE TO FIND OUT WHERE IT HAD COME FROM! IT HAD BEEN STOLEN!

THAT MADE YOUR PAPA THE FENCE! AND I KNEW ABOUT IT!



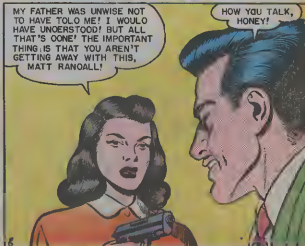
I SEE! YOU THREATENED TO TELL ME UNLESS HE HELPED YOU!

YOU CATCH ON! FOR A GUY LIKE YOUR FATHER WHO SPENDS SO MUCH TIME IN THESE GALLERIES IT WOULDN'T BE HARD TO SWIPE A KEY AND LET ME IN!



MY FATHER WAS UNWISE NOT TO HAVE TOLD ME! I WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD! BUT ALL THAT'S ONE! THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU AREN'T GETTING AWAY WITH THIS, MATT RANOALL!

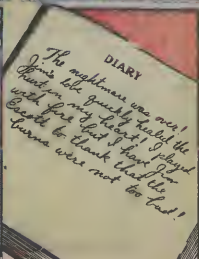
HOW YOU TALK, HONEY!



With a sudden movement Matt grabbed my wrist...



And then someone was whizzing through the darkness...



Rapture at Homecoming Time

DALE! YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME!

I LISTENED TOO MUCH! NOW YOU'VE GOT WHAT YOU WANTED, STAN! YOU'VE GOT MY FATHER'S JOB!

OH, DIARY, HOW COULD I DO IT? HOW COULD I LISTEN TO HIS PROMISES, REPLY TO HIS KISSES, WHEN ALL THE TIME HE WAS PLOTTING AGAINST DAD? I CAN NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!



Dear diary... When Dad casually invited me along this afternoon I had no warning of the thrill in store for me!

IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE, DALE! I WANT TO LOOK THE TEAM OVER!

SURE, DAD! WHAT KIND OF A SQUAD HAVE YOU GOT THIS SEASON?



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE SQUAD, BUT I'VE GOT A NEW ASSISTANT! HE WAS ALL-AMERICAN AT STATE LAST YEAR!

DADDY, YOU'VE BEEN AT YARNELL TOO LONG TO NEED ANY HIGH-POWERED HELP BUT I'D LOVE TO MEET HIM ANYWAY!



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DALE, MEET STAN HASTINGS, MY NEW BACKFIELD COACH!

MISS SANDERS, IF YOU'RE AN EXAMPLE OF THE STUDENT BODY HERE AT YARNALL, I KNOW I'M GOING TO WORK AWFULLY HARD TO BE A SUCCESS!



Dear diary, he's big and blond, and wonderful!

STAN, STEP NUMBER ONE WILL BE TO DROP THE FORMALTY AND CALL ME DALE!

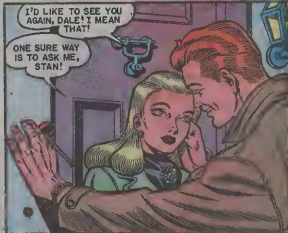
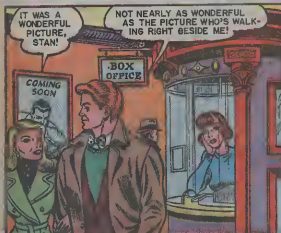
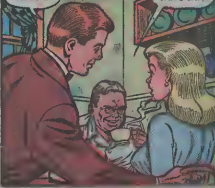
I'D BETTER GET GOING! BE SEEING YOU... DALE!



After practice that evening, Stan dropped by with Dad for some coffee!

I WONDER IF THE BOSS WOULD OBJECT IF I TRIED TO WHISK HIS DAUGHTER AWAY TO A MOVIE?

SINCE YOU'RE BIGGER THAN I AM, WHAT CAN I SAY?



Diary, I've seen so much of Stan these past few weeks, but still I want to see more of him! Can it be love?



I ran into Toppo Wyatt today! I'd almost forgotten...



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There was a note in Toppo's voice I didn't like!

OF COURSE YOU REMEMBER, MY SWEET, THAT WE HAVE A DATE FOR THE OPENING GAME! WE MADE IT SIX MONTHS AGO!

OH-OH, YES! OF COURSE, TOPPY!

DON'T WORRY, YOUR COACH FRIEND WILL BE BUSY! SEE YOU SATURDAY!

At the game Toppo dropped a shattering bombshell into my garden of Eden!

WILL YOU STAY AT YARNELL WHEN YOUR POP MOVES ON, OALE?

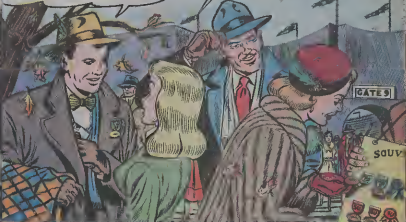
TOPPY, THAT'S SILLY! DAD'S BEEN HERE FOR AGES!

YOU SEEM TO ENJOY DOING IT, DON'T YOU, TOPPY?

SMARTEN UP, KID! EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR DLD MAN'S ON THE SKIOS... AND HASTINGS IS ANGLING FOR HIS JOB!

STAN? AFTER DAD'S JOB? THAT'S NOT TRUE!

DON'T GET SORE AT ME, KITTEN! I'M JUST TELLING YOU WHAT I HEAR!



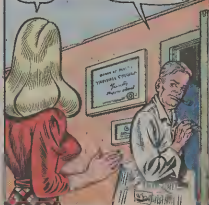
DAD, I HEARD SOME FOLISH RUMOR ABOUT STAN BEING AFTER YOUR JOB! IT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT?

NOW, DALE HONEY, YOU HEAR A LOT OF SILLY THINGS AROUND A CAMPUS!

BUT OAO, YOU DIDN'T ANSWER ME!

GOT TO GET GOING! I'M MEETING THE BOYS FOR A CHALK-TALK!

Outwardly I was calm, but inwardly I seethed at Toppo's words I couldn't wait to see Dad!



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Dear diary... Dad avoided my question! I'll ask Stan!

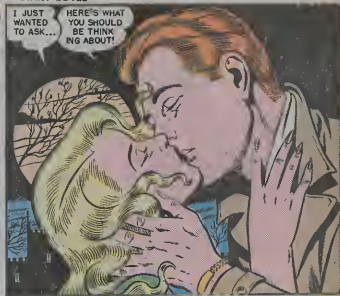
STAN, IT'S SILLY TO MENTION IT... BUT THERE'S SOME UGLY TALK THAT YOU'RE AFTER DAD'S JOB!

YOU'RE TOO PRETTY TO BE WORRYING ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT!



I JUST WANTED TO ASK...

HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT!



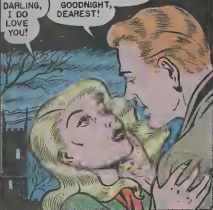
The sudden, surging thrill of his kiss drove all other thoughts from my mind!

DARLING, IF YOU CAN USE A MAN WITH A STRONG BACK AND A WEAK MIND, I'M YOURS!



OH, MY DARLING, I DO LOVE YOU!

THEN WE'RE A TEAM! GOODNIGHT, DEAREST!



Those words of Stan's... the words I had been longing to hear... were all but drowned out by the beating of my heart!! I rushed in to tell Dad... then stopped as I heard him on the phone!

NEXT YEAR'S SPRING PRACTICE? YOU'D BETTER CHECK WITH HASTINGS, BECAUSE HE'LL BE RUNNING THE TEAM!



YES THE RUNNING OF THE TEAM WILL BE OUT OF MY HANDS NEXT SEASON!

THEN IT IS TRUE! STAN IS GETTING DAD'S JOB!



Oh diary, how can I write with the tears blotting every page? I hate Stan for what he's done, but yet I think I love him, too!



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I don't know if I can live without Stan, but after what he's done to Dod I have no choice!



I WANT TO TELL YOU TO YOUR FACE! DON'T EVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN!



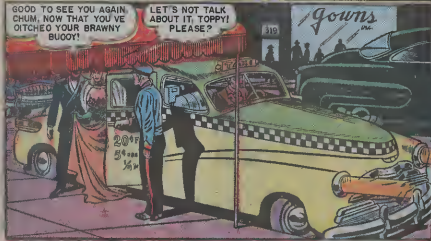
OALE! WHAT'S THE MATTER? LAST NIGHT YOU SAID ---



Dear diary I've thrown myself into my classwork...been seeing Toppy constantly...and perhaps soon I'll forget...Stan!

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, CHUM, NOW THAT YOU VE OITCHEO YOUR BRAWNY BUOY!

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT IT, TOPPY! PLEASE?



A PLEASURE! LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE YOU AND ME!

TOPPY, NO! IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO YOU!

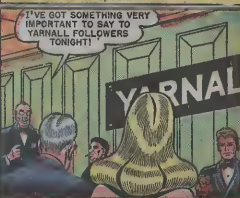


Dear diary... At last the season is over! Tonight, at the athletic dinner, they'll probably announce the bad news! At least I'll be leaving Yarnall... and Stan Hastings!



WE'RE JUST IN TIME, DALE! THE SHINDIG'S JUST STARTING!

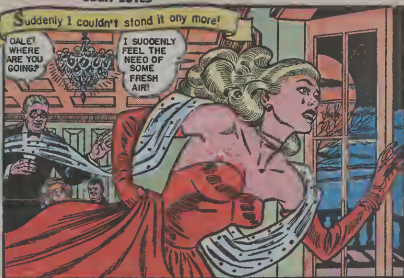
Stan tried to meet my eye, but I looked away! Mr. Fenton, the director of athletics, rose to speak!



I'VE GOT SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO SAY TO YARNALL FOLLOWERS TONIGHT!



THIS IS IT!
FIRST OF ALL, MEET
OUR NEW FOOTBALL
COACH! STAN
HASTINGS!

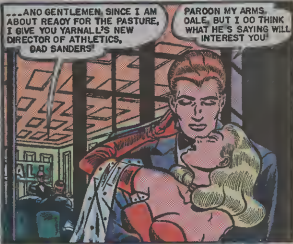


Suddenly I couldn't stand it any more!
DALE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I SUDDENLY FEEL THE NEED OF SOME FRESH AIR!

Someone came up behind me on the terrace! I thought it was Dad... but then I heard his voice! Even now it thrilled me!



LISTEN TO THE REST OF MR. FENTON'S SPEECH, DALE! I THINK YOU'LL LEARN SOMETHING!
YOU'VE HAD YOUR LAUGH ON DAD AND ME! NOW GO AWAY!



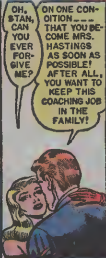
...AND GENTLEMEN, SINCE I AM ABOUT READY FOR THE PASTURE, I GIVE YOU YARNALL'S NEW DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, DAD SANDERS!
PAROON MY ARMS, DALE, BUT I DO THINK WHAT HE'S SAYING WILL INTEREST YOU!



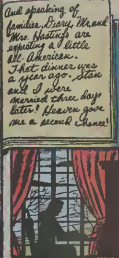
W-WHY, DAD, YOU'RE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS! THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS HOPED FOR!
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T TELL YOU, DALE BUT THE TRUSTEES SWORE ME TO SECRECY!



THEN Y-YOU WEREN'T OUT AFTER DAD'S JOB!
DARLING, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS! THEN WHEN THEY TOLD ME YOUR DAD WAS MOVING UP! I HAD TO PROMISE NOT TO SAY ANYTHING!



OH, STAN, CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
ON ONE CONDITION... THAT YOU BECOME MRS. HASTINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! AFTER ALL, YOU WANT TO KEEP THIS COACHING JOB IN THE FAMILY!



And speaking of families, Gary, Frank and Mrs. Hastings are expecting a little Mr. American. That dinner was a year ago, Stan, and I were married three days later! Heaven gave me a second chance!

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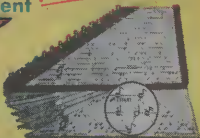
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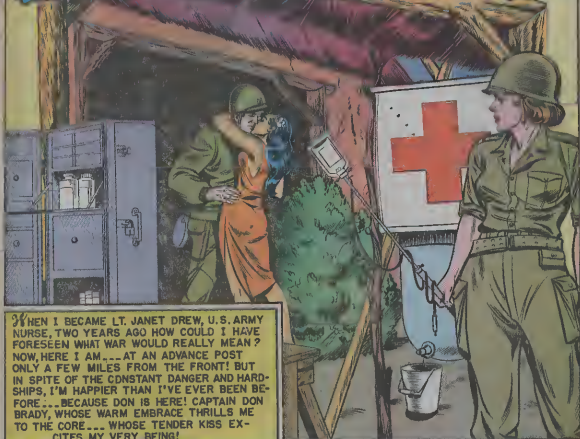
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WHEN I BECAME LT. JANET DREW, U.S. ARMY NURSE, TWO YEARS AGO HOW COULD I HAVE FORESEEN WHAT WAR WOULD REALLY MEAN? NOW, HERE I AM... AT AN ADVANCE POST ONLY A FEW MILES FROM THE FRONT! BUT IN SPITE OF THE CONSTANT DANGER AND HARDSHIPS, I'M HAPPIER THAN I'VE EVER BEEN BEFORE... BECAUSE DON IS HERE! CAPTAIN DON BRADY, WHOSE WARM EMBRACE THRILLS ME TO THE CORE... WHOSE TENDER KISS EXCITES MY VERY BEING!



Don has been gone for two days now!

Will he return soon?

THANK HEAVENS THE LAST OF THE PATIENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE REAR HOSPITAL! NOW I CAN... WHA...?

JANET!



DON! YOU STARTLED ME, DARLING!

I JUST GOT BACK FROM HEADQUARTERS AND I HAD TO SEE YOU BEFORE TURNING IN!

OH, JAN DEAREST! I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS I COULD TAKE WITHOUT YOU NEAR ME! LET'S BE MARRIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

MY DARLING!



Though Don and I had been in love since we had met six months before of the point of embarkation camp, he had never before kissed me with the savage desperation of this moment!



Suddenly!

BEG PARDON, CAPTAIN, BUT HERE'S ANOTHER BUNCH OF THOSE MAT-REAN JOES AND I CAN'T FIGURE OUT A WORD THEY'RE SAYING!

MORE REFUGEES... AND NO INTERPRETER SINCE JIM WAS KILLED IN THAT LAST RAID! WELL... BRING THEM IN!



YOU HAVE NO INTERPRETER THEN I INTERPRET FOR YOU! I GO AMERICAN SCHOOL ONE TIME... SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL! YOU LET ME HELP YOU, YES?

OH, HOW WONDERFUL, DON! WE'RE LOST HERE WITHOUT AN INTERPRETER, AND THIS WOMAN SPEAKS ENGLISH!



YES... YES...
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WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

YOU CALL ME CHIA-SAN, MY CAPTAIN! I CAN TELL YOU MANY THINGS ABOUT THIS SECTION! I WAS BORN IN VILLAGE NEAR HERE! WE... TALK... NOW?

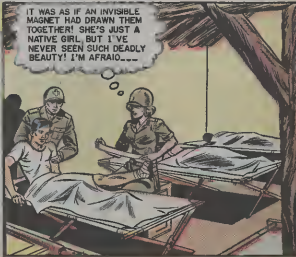


BUT DON! I'LL NEED HER TO HELP ME HERE WITH THESE...

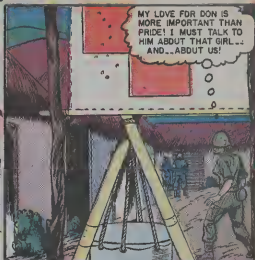
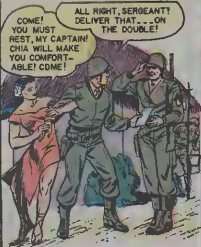


I turned blindly to my work as I tried to understand what had happened in that brief electric moment... what strange undercurrents had reached out to encircle my beloved with the beautiful, mysterious Chio-Son!

IT WAS AS IF AN INVISIBLE MAGNET HAD DRAWN THEM TOGETHER! SHE'S JUST A NATIVE GIRL BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH DEADLY BEAUTY! I'M AFRAID...



I discovered with a shock during the next few days that my nameless fear had been well-founded! Suddenly, Don no longer came to see me at the hospital!... and my pride would not let me go to him! I knew that plans for a big raid were under way and that Don was working day and night... but I knew too that Chia-San was at his side... and my tortured heart was close to breaking! One day...



But Chia-San's voice stopped me at the door!

MAY I SAY SOMETHING, MY CAPTAIN? I HAVE SO MUCH LOVE FOR MY CAPTAIN THAT I WANT TO HELP HIM! I KNOW BIG RAID PLANNED SOON! AND I HAVE IDEA!

AND WHAT IS THAT?



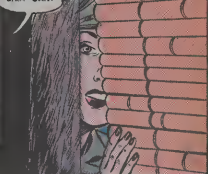
AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE VERY CLEVER, BUT THEY NOT KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ENEMY, YES? I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT GENERAL WEI OF MATREAN ARMY! HE VERY SUPERSTITIOUS MAN! HE NO FIGHT ON THURSDAY!

THURSDAY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



NEXT THURSDAY COMES ANCIENT DAY OF MEI-LAN-FANG FOR MANY VILLAGES IN WEST MATREA! THEIR LAW SAY WHOEVER VIOLATES DAY OF ATONEMENT BY FIGHTING OR KILLING... DOOMED FOREVER! THE GENERAL... NO FIGHT THURSDAY!

ARE YOU SURE, CHIA-SAN?



VERY SURE! I TELL ONLY TRUTH TO MY CAPTAIN, FOR I LOVE MY CAPTAIN. YES?

CHIA-SAN! ARE YOU A SAINT... OR A DEVIL... COME TO TORMENT ME?



My anguished heart screamed, "No! No, my darling!" But I could only stand numb and helpless, watching through blinding tears as I saw my beloved weaken to her fatal power!



But as I turned blindly away, some warning note deep within me made me pause and remember Chia's words! I hurried inside!

DDN, I OVERHEARD CHIA-BAN'S "CONTRIBUTION" TO OUR MILITARY STRATEGY! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, I HOPE!

JAN! WHY, YES, I AM! IF IT WILL SAVE LIVES AND TIME, I WILL ORDER A RAID ON THURSDAY!



NO! HOW CAN YOU TRUST THIS GIRL TO BE TELLING THE TRUTH? YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HER!



SHE'S TRYING TO HELP US... AND HER PEOPLE! I'LL VOUCH FOR HER LOYALTY! I TRUST HER! I... I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, JAN!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, DDN? YOU, CHIA-SAN? I'M WARNING YOU, CHIA-SAN! BE CAREFUL!



As if to mark my words fate took a strange turn! The next day at the hospital...

HEY, MISS JANET! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS KID, WILL YOU? A PATROL FOUND HIM SHOT UP PRETTY BADLY! HE'S BEEN JABBERING AWAY LIKE MAD... BUT I CAN'T SAVVY A WORD HE SAYS!

I'LL TAKE HIM, TAMMY! BUT WILL YOU PLEASE GET... THE INTERPRETER? WE'LL NEED HER!



A few minutes later...

YOU SENT FOR ME?

YES, THIS NATIVE BOY WAS JUST BROUGHT IN! HE BEEMS VERY EXCITED AND WANTS TO TALK! SEE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY... BUT BE BRIEF! HE'S VERY WEAK!



NO! NO! SHUT UP! YOU LITTLE BEAST!

CHIA-SAN! STOP IT!



WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT DID HE SAY?

AAAAH, HE IS OUT OF HIS HEAD! HE THOUGHT I WAS SOMEONE ELSE, THE LITTLE POOL!



HE'S FAINTED FROM LOSS OF BLOOD! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SCREAMED AT HIM! BRING ME AN OXYGEN TENT ...IMMEDIATELY!

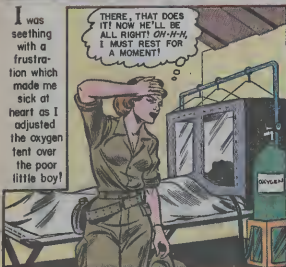
BAH! FOR THAT SCUM? GET IT YOURSELF!



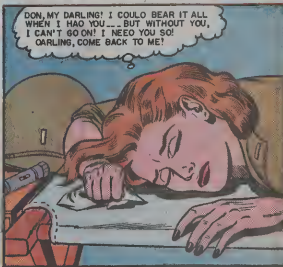
CHIA-SAN! I'LL REPORT YOU TO...

YES? TO...MY CAPTAIN? GO AHEAD! HE WILL LAUGH IN YOUR FACE! GOODBYE, WOMAN! I LEAVE YOU TO PLAY YOUR FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE!

I was seething with a frustration which made me sick at heart as I adjusted the oxygen tent over the poor little boy!

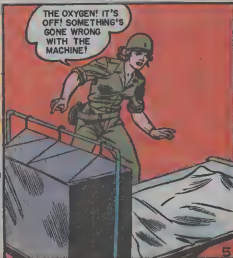


THERE, THAT DOES IT! NOW HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT! OH-H-H, I MUST REST FOR A MOMENT!



DON, MY DARLING! I COULD BEAR IT ALL WHEN I HAD YOU... BUT WITHOUT YOU, I CAN'T GO ON! I NEED YOU SO! DARLING, COME BACK TO ME!

Suddenly through my sobs, a sixth sense told me that something was wrong! In the stillness of the room, something was missing! Then I knew!

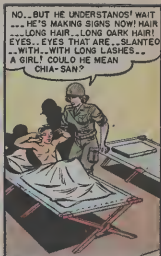


THE OXYGEN! IT'S OFF! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG WITH THE MACHINE!

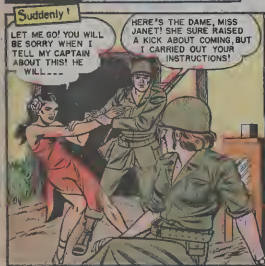


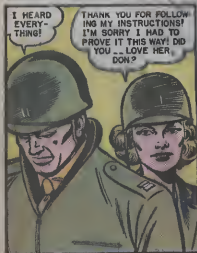
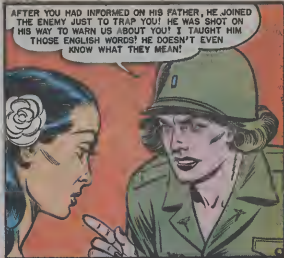
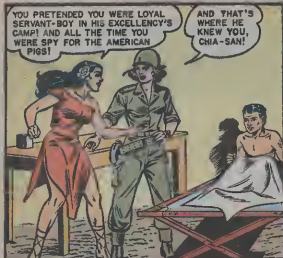
THE BOY IS ALL RIGHT, BUT THIS MACHINE IS OFF! SOMEONE DELIBERATELY SHUT OFF THE OXYGEN SUPPLY! SOMEONE TRIED TO KILL THIS BOY!

Suddenly I
faced the
incredibly
ugly truth!
Yes, someone
had tried to
kill the boy!
The scene of
the afternoon
fashed through
my mind!
Chia-San...
and the boy!
What had he
said to her?
Why had she
screamed at
him? I must
find out!



The long night
hours slowly
slipped away
as the boy
and I painfully,
arduously,
tried to "talk"
with only
our hands
to guide us!
His story began
to unfold...
and with it,
my plan!
Tomorrow
was Thursday!
There was
no time
to lose!





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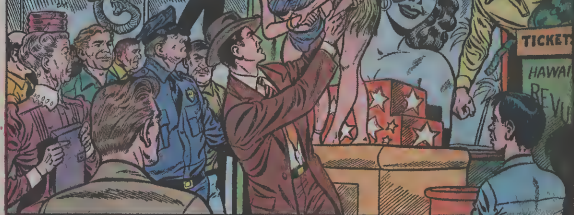
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Can a carnival girl be anything but raff raff?
Everybody in the world seemed to say no... and I had to break my heart to prove how wrong they were!



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We came folks were used to tough going but never held things looked so black as that day we hit Baytown!



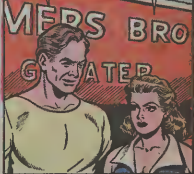
I JUST DON'T GET IT! THAT PERMIT TO OPEN WAS SUPPOSED TO COME THROUGH!

SLIM, WHAT'LL WE DO? NOBODY'LL GET PAID IF WE CAN'T PLAY THIS TOWN!

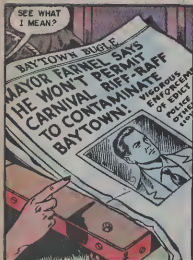


DON'T YOU WORRY, TRIXIE! I'VE HANDED THESE TOUGH LICENSE COMMISSIONERS BEFORE! I'LL BRING THIS ONE AROUND TOO!

OH, SLIM, I WISH I WERE AS CONFIDENT! DID YOU SEE THE HEADLINE IN THAT LOCAL PAPER?



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SEE WHAT I MEAN?



WHY, THAT STUFFED SHIRT? I'LL BET HE'S NEVER BEEN TO A CARNIVAL IN HIS LIFE! HIS MOTHER PROBABLY WOULDN'T LET HIM GO!

BUT HE HATES US JUST THE SAME!



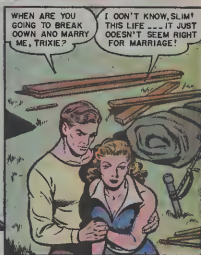
GOSH, SLIM, WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE LOOK DOWN ON US? WE'RE JUST LIKE MOST FOLKS!

AND A LOT BETTER THAN SOME!



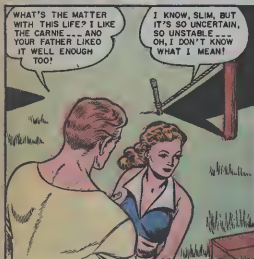
AND THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR YOU, HONEY! YOU'RE TOPS IN MY BOOK NOW, GET THAT PRETTY CHIN UP!

With Slim's arm around me, I felt better, safer... and a warm glow spread through me to dispel the gloom!



WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO BREAK DOWN AND MARRY ME, TRIXIE?

I DON'T KNOW, SLIM! THIS LIFE... IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT FOR MARRIAGE!



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS LIFE? I LIKE THE CARNIE... AND YOUR FATHER LIKED IT WELL ENOUGH TOO!

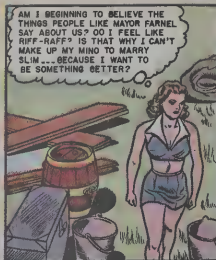
I KNOW, SLIM, BUT IT'S SO UNCERTAIN, SO UNSTABLE... OH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I MEAN!



YEAH... WELL, I'LL SEE YOU LATER, TRIXIE! I'VE GOT TO HAVE ANOTHER SESSION WITH THAT LICENSE COMMISSIONER!

As I watched Slim go I felt a twinge of conscience, as if I had been disloyal to a way of life!

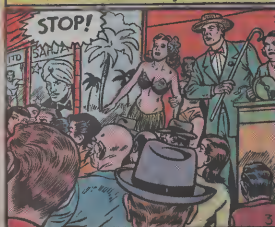
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Suddenly I could think of nothing but the carnival! Nothing else seemed to matter and that night I was in my usual place!



And then like a thunderclap came a voice, harsh and forbidding...





Even as I fumed and stormed I was aware of the strange interest with which Mayor Farnel looked at me...and then as a woman always knows these things I knew that I could wrap him around my little finger if I wanted to!



The mayor was gone before I could object! Something had gone haywire and I meant to do plenty about it! The next moment I knew my luck hadn't entirely run out...

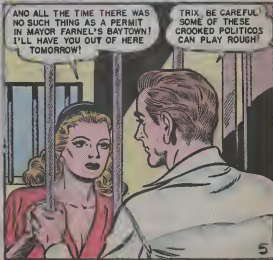
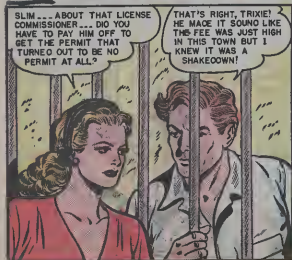
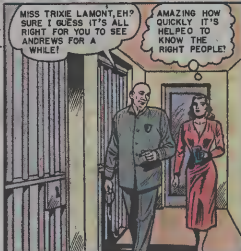


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Caution stopped my tongue! The thing to do was use this man... and not antagonize him!



My mind raced with ideas! But first I had to see Slim... to know that he was all right and to make sure of one fact!



There was plenty of time before my appointment with the license commissioner ...and I went directly to the mayor's mansion...



It had happened more quickly than I had dared hope! I had Mayor Farnell where I wanted him now... and soon I would make his lesson complete!



Mayor Farnel would have news for his friends all right, but it wouldn't be wonderful! I would see to that!

At Dolan's Silver Dollar the license commissioner was waiting...



SUGAR, YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES! I'VE BEEN HAVING A FEW WHILE I WAITED! COME ON, HAVE ONE WITH ME!

JUST GINGER ALE, COMMISSIONER!



NOW, DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR OLO BOY FRIEND? JUST BE NICE TO THE LITTLE OLO COMMISSIONER, AND HE'LL FIX EVERYTHING!

I DO LIKE YOU, COMMISSIONER, BUT THIS PLACE IS SO PUBLIC! I KNOW WHERE WE CAN BE ALONE!

The commissioner was too far gone to have much of an idea of where he was going... and at the back of the mayor's residence I found that I had an ally!

My heart leaped with joy as I saw how easy it was going to be! I told the cook my plan!

There was just enough consciousness left in the commissioner to enable him to talk...

I'LL GIVE YOU A STRAIGHT STORY! I WASN'T COUNTING ON FINDING ANYBODY IN THE KITCHEN! I WANT TO GET THE COMMISSIONER INTO THE HOUSE FOR REASONS OF MY OWN! IF YOU'LL HELP I'LL...!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRIBE ME, SISTER! I'M FOR YOU! I WAS IN THE CROWD WHEN THEY PULLED THAT RAID ON YOU AT THE CARNIE!

SH-H! THE MAYOR AND HIS PHONY CRONIES ARE IN THE ROOM BEYOND THAT CURTAIN! GOOO LUCK, SISTER! I USED TO BE IN A CARNIE MYSELF!



YOU STARTED TO TELL ME, COMMISSIONER, ABOUT HOW YOU COULD FIX THINGS IF I WERE NICE TO YOU!

SURE CAN! HEH-HEH! WE'RE ALL A GREAT BUNCH OF FIXERS IN THIS TOWN'S GOVERNMENT! ALL EXCEPT THE MAYOR! HE'S TOO CUMB... ANO FULL OF IDEAS ABOUT CLEAN GOVERNMENT!



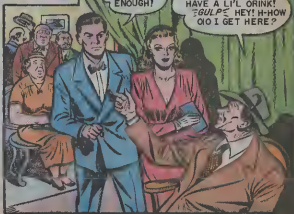
Then a sudden cry of anger pierced the air and the curtain was torn aside...

THAT'S WHY WE USE HIM AS A FRONT WHILE THE REST OF US SPLIT UP THE TAKE FROM SUCKERS LIKE YOUR BOY FRIEND, CROOKE O BUILDING CONTRACTORS, GAMBLING & MIS-ENTERPRISES!



I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!

HIYA, YOUR HONOR, HAVE A LI'L DRINK! GULP! HEY! H-HOW DO I GET HERE?



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I SEE WHAT YOU TRIED TO OO, TRIXIE. WELL, YOU VE SUCCEEOED!

THAT'S FINE! NOW, YOU KNOW THAT A CARNIVAL IS NOT THE ONLY PLACE WHERE YOU CAN FIND RIFF-RAFF! YOUR OFFICIAL FAMILY DOESN'T LOOK TOO CLEAN AND PURE!



GET OUT... ALL OF YOU!



Victory was mine...but looking at Mayor Arthur Fornel's face I felt a pang! I had hurt him deeply and now I felt no further rancor!



TRIXIE, I'VE BEEN A POMPOUS BLUE-NOSE AND A FOOL! BUT I DO LOVE YOU... AND I'LL TRY TO BE THE MAN YOU WANT IF YOU'LL HAVE ME!

NO! IT WOULDN'T WORK!



ANY GIRL MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO BETTER HER STATION IN LIFE... BUT LOVE CAN'T BE ALL TAKING! BOTH PARTIES MUST GIVE SOMETHING!

BUT, TRIXIE...!



I NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVED SLIM UNTIL HE WAS DRAGGED OFF TO JAIL! AND I NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH THE CARNIVAL WAS A PART OF ME UNTIL I WATCHED YOUR MEN SMASHING IT UP!



I didn't gloat over Mayor Farnel! I felt sorry for him! But all cores were free and I was in his arms again...

IT'LL BE GOOO TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE! JEEPERS, WHEN I THINK WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE WALKED INTO, SNEAKING INTO THE MAYOR'S HOUSE WITH THAT LICENSE COMMISSIONER!

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STOLEN SECRETS

JACK CRANFORD sauntered aimlessly into the park. It was a lovely day but somehow pointless. Lovely days were meant to be shared but he didn't know anybody. He hadn't been in town long enough. Oh, there had been plenty of girls with whom he could have struck up an acquaintance but none that had seemed worthwhile. Well, he thought ruefully, it's the price of being so choosy. You wind up walking in the park alone on lovely days.

It was at that moment that Jack saw the bench beyond the clump of bushes that stuck out way over the cement walk. And on the bench sat a vision, a vision in a trim, tan suit, with a small hat perched atop a mass of cascading blonde hair that glistened in the sunlight. Automatically he slowed his step. "Now there," he thought, "there is a girl. But what's the use? I'm not the brash kind who can go through the artificial routine of making a pickup. Better keep walking and forget about her."

Still, his eyes remained glued to the lovely blonde head. He was closer now and could see the blue eyes, staring out dreamily at nothing in particular. "Waiting for a boy friend no doubt," Jack thought. A girl like that wouldn't just be sitting in the park for no good reason.

Abruptly, rudely, his thoughts were broken off. In a flash a man had darted out from behind the clump of bushes, a slender, hatchet faced man with a snarling mouth, and before the girl could leap to her feet he had snatched the leather handbag that dangled from her wrist. Just as she let loose a half choked cry from her trembling lips the thief disappeared back into the clump of bushes.

The next moment Jack Cranford was dashing past the girl, vaguely aware of the panic and terror on her face. He was unexplainably angry. Angrier than he would have been if something had been stolen from him. Like a streak he tore through the bushes, listening for sounds of the thief running ahead of him. At last he caught the telltale noises, the crunch of broken twigs and dry leaves and then the sound of running feet on a footpath. A minute later Jack sighted the thief, called on all his strength for a sudden burst of speed and brought the fugitive down with a flying tackle that almost brought a smile to his lips. He hadn't tried one of those since his college days, didn't know he could still do it.

Grimly, the two men wrestled. Jack was

heavier, stronger, and he quickly got the upper hand. With an elbow in the thief's Adam's apple he held him down and with the other hand he reached for the handbag that lay on the ground. For some reason or other the handbag seemed the most important thing in the world. His fingers closed on it and almost simultaneously he felt the heave of the body under him and was catapulted off. Then the thief was up and running and before Jack could get to his feet the man was out of sight.

Jack clutched the bag. One part of his mind told him he ought to chase the purse snatcher, the other told him it didn't matter. He had the handbag and what mattered was to return it to the girl with the blonde hair and the dreamy, blue eyes. Hurriedly Jack retraced his steps to the bench. The girl was gone.

Bewildered and let down, Jack looked hopelessly up and down the cement walk. She could have gone in search of a policeman. No, she'd be back with one by now if she had. Limply, he sank to the bench and looked down at the handbag in his hand. He had to get it back to her. Maybe there was a name, an address somewhere inside. With reluctant fingers he opened it.

Change purse, mirror, lipstick, keys and under these a small, leather bound book, marked MY DIARY. "This might have it," he thought, "her name, her address." His face burned a little as he opened it. It was a guilty sensation he couldn't help feeling. A diary. How could a man make a more flagrant invasion of a woman's privacy, how could he find his way deeper into the secret places of her heart?

The name and address were on the flyleaf. Jane Hampton, 42 Walnut St. That was it. He had what he wanted. The decent thing to do now was close the book, find Jane Hampton and return it to her. But a devil was loose in him. He couldn't close it. He had to know more about the lovely creature who ten minutes before had been sitting on this same bench.

Dear Diary, he read. I dreamed about him again last night and woke up feeling so foolish. There he was, that dream man of mine, tall, slender and dark eyed. And, oh, so very much in love with me. Talk about wishful thinking. I'm as lonely as ever. I've been in this town for a month now and still don't know anybody. As for men, there isn't even one half as attractive that I'm likely to meet in the course of my bum-

drum working day. Ah, Diary, it is nice to dream though. Who knows? Maybe someday he'll appear suddenly out of nowhere. And maybe I'll be lucky enough to be the girl he has been dreaming about. But I'm being silly. It's all too much to hope for. Good night, dear Diary.

Jack Cranford's face burned more than before and his heart beat with strange thumps. Was this shame, he wondered? Was this guilt because he now knew more about the lovely blonde girl than he could ever have hoped to know after months of close friendship. Or was it something more? And suddenly he had the answer. It was something more, much more. It was love.

Jack sprang to his feet and hurried out of the park. Swiftly he walked in the direction of Walnut Street and as he walked his mind raced eagerly.

There was nothing casual, he realized, about the fierce attraction he had felt at first sight of the girl. He had seen her before or someone very much like her. But it had taken the words in the girl's diary to make him remember that he too had met her in dreams.

Jack's elation grew. This was no meaningless incident. Fate had spun too complicated, too fine a web for this to have no final significance.

His hand trembled slightly as he pressed the doorbell at Forty-two Walnut Street. The buzzer opened the door and he went up to the apartment door. His tongue seemed to cleave to the roof of his mouth as he saw Jane Hampton standing in the doorway.

Her eyes were sad, worried, and then as she looked up at him, seemed to light up.

"I got it back," Jack said lamely and handed her the bag.

"Oh, how wonderful," she breathed. "You took such a terrible risk. Please come in."

He followed her into the trim, little apartment and sat down.

"I was terrified," she said. "There was something so horrible about that man."

"He was just a cheap crook," Jack said. "There wasn't much fight in him. But what happened to you? I couldn't find you when I got back to the bench."

She hung her head, ashamed.

"I was terrified," she said, "I reported the robbery to a policeman and then went straight home. I was afraid to go back to the scene."

Suddenly, she looked up at him, her face a flaming pink.

"How did you know my address?" she stammered as if afraid to hear the answer.

Jack looked at the pattern on the carpet.

"It was on the flyleaf of the . . . er . . . book inside your purse," he said.

She looked squarely into his eyes now.

"My diary," she said. "Did you read it?"

"I couldn't help it, Jane," he blurted out, without even thinking that he was using her first name.

She seemed to shrink back into her chair.

"Oh, how could you?" Her voice sounded small and far away.

Jack stood behind her chair. From his pocket he took a small notebook.

"I should be sorry I read it," he said. "But I'm not. Here, look at this! You aren't the only one who keeps diaries. I was using this notebook for one up until two weeks ago."

With a puzzled look in her eyes, Jane Hampton took the tiny notebook and opened it. Over her shoulder Jack could read the minute scrawl in which he wrote.

"What's the use," the page read. "I'll never meet a girl like this blonde, blue-eyed angel I've been running into every night in my dreams. I ought to quit thinking about somebody like that and settle for one who really exists."

Jane looked up at him. There was a soft look in her blue eyes.

"You wrote that?" she said.

"Sure," Jack said, trying to make his voice sound easy and relaxed. "All sorts of people are likely to write in diaries when they're alone a lot."

And then, as if afraid of what she would say next, Jack bent over her.

"Why don't we go out to dinner," he said, "and talk about diaries and what makes people write them. It would help us understand ourselves. And more important, it would help us understand each other."

She was getting up.

"I think I'd like that," she said. "Yes, that would be fun. I'll just powder my nose and get my hat on."

She smiled at him as she went into the other room and in Jack's heart there was a serenity, a happiness he had never known before. And this was only the beginning, he thought with what amounted to an almost unbearable joy.

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The Desolate Heart

Dad was one of the small number of prospectors who still seek a living in the arid gold country of California! This time I insisted on going with him...

TESS, HONEY, I WAS A FOOL TO TRY TO MAKE YOU STAY HOME! YOU'VE BROUGHT ME LUCK! I'M PANNING MORE GOLD EVERY DAY!

OH, OAO, I'M GLAD! BUT I WASN'T CONCERNED SO MUCH ABOUT FINDING GOLD AS I WAS ABOUT TAKING CARE OF YOU!

YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL, TESS... BUT I SURE FEEL GUILTY ABOUT KEEPING YOU UP IN THESE HILLS!

I DON'T MIND, DAD!



DIARY LOVES

Maybe I didn't mind too much at first but as the days became weeks and the weeks ran into months...

TESS, HONEY, A FEW MORE MONTHS OF THIS AND WE'LL BE RICH!

A FEW MORE MONTHS OF THIS ISOLATION AND I'LL GO MAD!

Days, there was work to do, meals to cook... but the long, storlit evenings seemed empty, futile...

IT'S SUCH A LOVELY NIGHT... BUT IT JUST FILLS ME WITH LONELINESS!

Then one night as I sat o short distance from the shack...

IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME BIG ANIMAL ON THE TRAIL, COMING UP THE HILL! I'D BETTER TELL DAD!

MAYBE IT'S GONE BY NOW BUT I THINK WE OUGHT TO MAKE SURE!

YOU BETCHA! I WOULDN'T WANT ONE OF THOSE MOUNTAIN LIONS BREAKING INTO OUR SUPPLIES!

Suddenly the moon came out from behind o cloud and lit up the trail...

IT'S A MAN!

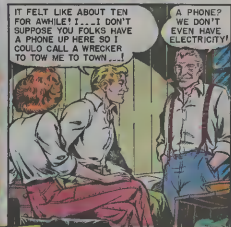
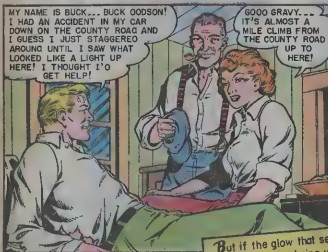
LOOKS PLENTY DONE UP, TOO!

HELLO, FOLKS... I'M...

HE'S OUT COLD!

LET'S TAKE HIM INTO THE HOUSE!

As I washed the dirt and clots of blood from the handsome stranger's face I could make out the even, handsome features... and my heart seemed to skip a beat!



The news seemed to please rather than disturb Buck Dodson and as he looked into my eyes, I blushed with excitement!...



But if the glow that seemed to suffuse my entire being under his gaze meant that I was a fool, I wanted to be a fool!



Next morning Buck Dodson slept late! Dad and I were already at work when he came out...



DIARY LOVES

I was vaguely aware of Dad's frown as I looked into Buck's handsome eyes and chattered away. ---

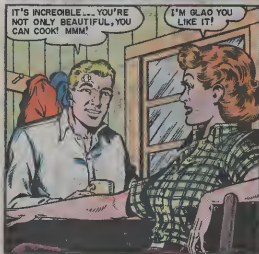


COME BACK TO THE SHACK AND I'LL FIX YOU SOME BREAKFAST

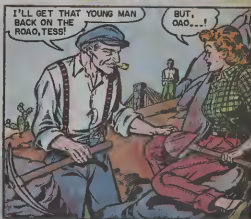
THANKS! I SURE FEEL LIKE SOME!



There was something thrilling about having Buck in the shack --- cooking for him ---



I went back to help Dad and in a little while Buck came out to watch us again ---



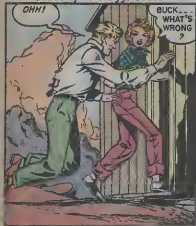
I didn't know what to say except that I wanted Buck to stay... more than anything in the world! I bit my lip instead!

I SUPPOSE SO, DAD!



MARY LOVES

I walked with Buck to the shock!
Suddenly he staggered....



OH!!

BUCK...
WHAT'S
WRONG?

ER... NOTHING... STILL
A LITTLE WEAK I
GUESS! I'M SORT
OF GROGGY!

YOU'O
BETTER LIE
DOWN!



It wrung my heart to
watch Buck Dadsan lying limp
and still on the cat...



I'M REALLY MAKING
A NUISANCE OF
MYSELF!

N-N-O,
YOU'RE
NOT!

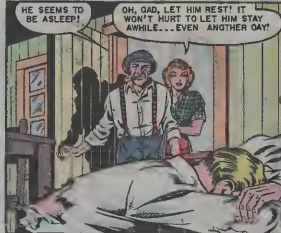
GAD, WE CAN'T SEND HIM AWAY NOW!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN HURT WORSE THAN
IT LOOKED IN THAT ACCIDENT! HE JUST
COLLAPSED!



HE
DIED?

HE SEEMS TO
BE ASLEEP!

OH, GAD, LET HIM REST! IT
WON'T HURT TO LET HIM STAY
AWHILE... EVEN ANOTHER DAY!



HMM... WELL...
I HOPE IT WON'T!



Buck awake
toward
evening and
seemed to feel
better! After
supper I saw
Dad fidgeting
and knew he
wanted to be
alone before
he put the day's
gold dust away!
Buck made
matters simple...

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL
NIGHT! WANT TO COME
OUT AND LOOK AT IT
WITH ME, TESS?

ALL
RIGHT!



DIARY LOVES



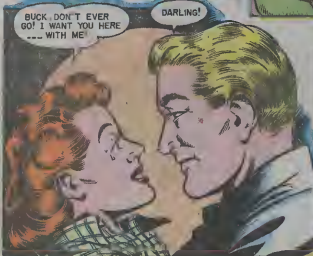
SAY, I HATE TO IMPOSE ON YOU... STAYING HERE ANOTHER NIGHT... BUT IN A WAY I'M NOT SORRY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BUCK?



BECAUSE BEING NEAR YOU SEEMS LIKE THE MOST WONDERFUL THING IN THE WORLD. YOU'RE LOVELY, TESS!

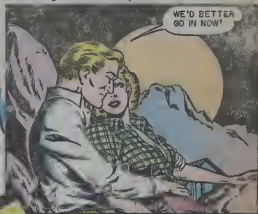
The next moment I felt his lips on mine...and I melted into his arms...



BUCK, DON'T EVER GO! I WANT YOU HERE... WITH ME!

DARLING!

We clung to each other, oblivious to time! Then...



WE'D BETTER GO IN NOW!

As we entered, Dad was putting the bags of gold dust back in their hiding place! He stood in frozen silence when he saw Buck...



OH...ER...I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT!

Later, Dad came into my room...



TESS, HONEY, I'M WORRIED! WE DON'T KNOW THIS MAN... AND NOW HE KNOWS WHERE THE GOLD DUST IS HIDDEN!

DAO... HOW CAN YOU?

Hot fury overwhelmed me---

I GUESS IT HAPPENS TO EVERYBODY WHO GETS GOLD HUNGRY! THEY BEGIN TO DISTRUST THEIR OWN SHADOWS! BUCK IS A GOOD, HONEST MAN! I CAN FEEL IT! YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO DISTRUST HIM!

SURE...SURE...HONEY! BUT A GIRL DOESN'T ALWAYS SEE A GOOD LOOKING YOUNG MAN WITH HER EYES! SOMETIMES SHE ONLY SEES HIM WITH HER HEART!



I was awakened before dawn next morning by the sounds of a terrible struggle in the other room...

POW

NO YOU DON'T!

OH-H!



DAD!

DAO! DAO! OH, SPEAK TO ME!

RELAX, TESS! I JUST CLIPPED HIM HARD ENOUGH TO PUT HIM OUT FOR A FEW MINUTES! HE VERY INCONVENIENTLY GOT UP JUST AS I WAS GETTING AT THIS GOLD!



Nothing seemed to matter as I flung myself at Buck Dodson! The gun could go off if only I could reach his sneering face...

The pale dawn was coming through the windows as if my world had not been shattered! I looked at Buck first with disbelief, then with resentment and rising hatred...

THEN DAD WAS RIGHT! HE DIDN'T TRUST YOU FOR GOOD REASON! OH! YOU VILE CREATURE! YOU WERE SHAMMING WHEN YOU PLAYED SICK YESTERDAY! YOU WANTED TO STAY ON TO STEAL THE GOLD!

YOU'RE GETTING BRIGHTER ALL THE TIME, TESS! BUT I DID ENJOY YOUR KISSES!



I HATE YOU... HATE YOU!

EASY GIRL! I STILL HAVE THIS GUN!



Suddenly a pistol cracked and a voice came from the open doorway.





DOWN'S! YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS OODSON!

FRANK HALEY! HOW DID YOU FIND ME HERE?

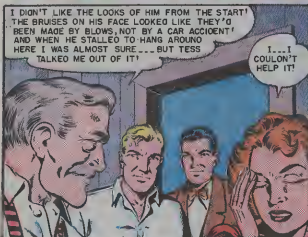
IT TOOK SOME DOING! YOU COVERED UP YOUR TRACKS VERY WELL. AFTER WE TANGLED THE OTHER NIGHT, AND I LOOKED IN AT ABOUT SIX PROSPECTORS' CAMPS BEFORE I DECIDED TO TRY THIS ONE!

ALL RIGHT, COPPER! I KNOW WHEN I'M LICKED!



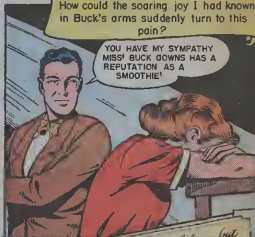
I'M A DETECTIVE FROM LOS-ANGELES, MISS! I CAUGHT UP WITH DOWN'S THE OTHER NIGHT AFTER TRAILING HIM FOR TWO WEEKS! HE'S WANTED FOR A PAYROLL ROBBERY!

YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME, YOUNG FELLER!



I DIDN'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF HIM FROM THE START! THE BRUISES ON HIS FACE LOOKED LIKE THEY'D BEEN MADE BY BLOWS, NOT BY A CAR ACCIDENT! AND WHEN HE STALLED TO HANG AROUND HERE I WAS ALMOST SURE... BUT TESS TALKED ME OUT OF IT!

I...I COULDN'T HELP IT!



My heart was filled with a dull ache! How could the soaring joy I had known in Buck's arms suddenly turn to this pain?

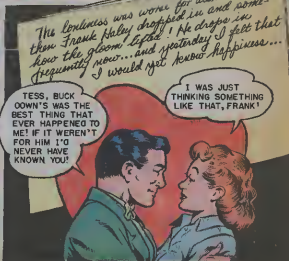
YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY MISS! BUCK DOWN'S HAS A REPUTATION AS A SMOOTHIE!

As I looked into the young detective's eyes I saw something there that somehow eased my hurt! A moment later he was leading Buck out of the shack...



COME BACK AND SEE US, YOUNG FELLER! I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR US AS SOON AS YOU HAVE MORE TIME!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, OLD TIMER!



The loneliness was worse for awhile... but then Frank Haley dropped in and somehow the gloom lifted! He drops in frequently now... and yesterday I felt that I would not know happiness...

TESS, BUCK DOWN'S WAS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM I'D NEVER HAVE KNOWN YOU!

I WAS JUST THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, FRANK!



BUD, COULD I GET A WRISTWATCH THE SAME EASY WAY YOU GOT THAT AIR RIFLE

YOU SURE CAN SIS, ALSO DOLLS BICYCLES AND MANY OTHER THINGS, JUST MAIL COUPON TO START, LIKE I DID



AND SIS MAILS IN THE COUPON AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE

LOOK, BUD - WILSON SENT WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE AND EVERYTHING. I DIDN'T HAVE TO SEND A PENNY NOW I'LL GET MY WRISTWATCH



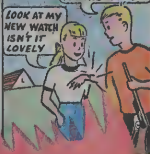
YOU'LL SELL THEM FAST!

THANKS, SIS, THIS IS A WONDERFUL ART PICTURE THAT YOU'RE GIVING ME WITH THIS FINE SALVE



YES! GIVING THE PICTURES MADE IT FUN TO SELL ALL I NEED FOR MY WATCH

IT SURE IS - I'M GOING TO GET A BIKE NEXT



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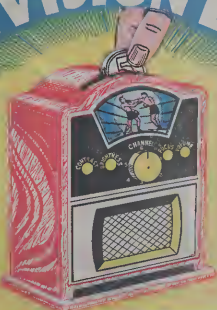
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